

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1), ~~particularly a steam turbine system with comprising:~~

at least two turbine stages (~~2, 3a, 3b, 3c~~), with each of the turbine stages (~~2, 3a, 3b, 3c~~) having a turbine rotor (5) extending along a main axis (4), with the turbine rotors being rigidly connected to each other; with and at least one of the turbine stages (~~2, 3a, 3b, 3c~~) having an inner casing (~~8a, 8b, 8c~~) enclosing the turbine rotor (5), with the inner casing (~~8a, 8b, 8c~~) being supported in a bearing area (10) so that it can be axially displaced; ~~and with~~

a thrust element (~~9, 9a~~) for transmitting an axial force for an axial displacement being provided, that is connected to the inner casing; and (~~8a, 8b, 8c~~), characterized in that the bearing area (10) has

a bearing device (11) ~~with a~~ located in the bearing area adapted to provide reduced static friction ~~that is so low such~~ that the axial offset that spontaneously occurs when the static friction is overcome when displacing the inner casing (~~8a, 8b, 8c~~) is less than 2 mm.

2. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the bearing device (11) is ~~designed to be~~ free of static friction.

3. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the bearing device (11) has a hydrostatic bearing (12), that is supplied with a pressurized operating means (~~B~~), ~~particularly oil under pressure, with whereby a sliding film (13) being is~~ formed.

4. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with Claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the sliding film (13) is provided in a gap (16), with the height (H) of the gap (16) being adjustable relative to the pressure (pB) of the operating means (~~B~~).

5. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with ~~on of the preceding~~ claims 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the bearing device (11) is a rolling bearing (17) with an number of rolling bodies (~~19, 19a, 19b~~) arranged along the axial direction of displacement (18) relative to each other.

6. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with Claim 5,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein a contact surface (21) of the rolling body (19, 19a, 19b) taking a normal force (F_N) during a displacement operation has a cylindrical jacket-shaped geometry with a radius of curvature (R).

7. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a rolling body (19, 19a, 19b) has a spherical or cylindrical geometry.
8. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bearing area (10) has a supporting arm (27) of the inner casing (8a, 8b, 8e) and a bearing support area (28), ~~with the supporting arm (17) being supported on the bearing support area (28) by means of the bearing device (11).~~
9. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with Claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bearing device (11) has a lever (29) ~~by means of which the supporting arm (27) has a swiveling connection to the bearing support area (28).~~
10. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with Claim 8 ~~or 9~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inner casing (8a, 8b, 8e) is connected to a damping device (30) to dampen vibrations.
11. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one medium-pressure steam turbine stage (2) and at least two low-pressure steam turbine stages (3a, 3b, 3e) each having an inner casing (8a, 8b, 8e) are provided, with the turbine stages (2, 3a, 3b, 3e) being arranged along the main axis (4), with the inner casing (8a, 8b, 8e) being connected to the thrust element (9, 9a) and supported in a bearing area (10) with a bearing device (11).
12. (currently amended) A ~~T~~turbine system (1) in accordance with Claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the medium-pressure steam turbine stage (2) has an outer casing (14) that is connected via a thrust element (9a) to the inner housing (8a) of the low-pressure steam turbine stage (3a) arranged downstream in an axial direction, and a fixed bearing (15a) connected to the outer casing (14) that forms the axial fixed point (20) for a thermal axial expansion.

13. (currently amended) ~~A Turbine system (1) in accordance with Claims 11 or 12, characterized in that wherein at least one of the low-pressure steam turbine stages (3a, 3b, 3c) has an exhaust steam casing (31) with a diffusion area (A) of 10.0 m² to 25 m², in particular 12.5 m² to 16 m².~~
14. (new) A turbine system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the turbine system is a steam turbine system.
15. (new) A turbine system in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the bearing device has a hydrostatic bearing, that is supplied with a pressurized operating means, whereby a sliding film is formed.
16. (new) A turbine system in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the bearing device is a rolling bearing with an number of rolling bodies arranged along the axial direction of displacement relative to each other.
17. (new) A turbine system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the bearing device is a rolling bearing with an number of rolling bodies arranged along the axial direction of displacement relative to each other.
18. (new) A turbine system in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the bearing area has a supporting arm of the inner casing and a bearing support area, with the supporting arm being supported on the bearing support area by means of the bearing device.
19. (new) A turbine system in accordance with Claim 2, wherein one medium-pressure steam turbine stage and at least two low-pressure steam turbine stages each having an inner casing are provided, with the turbine stages being arranged along the main axis, with the inner casing being connected to the thrust element and supported in a bearing area with a bearing device.
20. (new) A turbine system in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the pressurized operating means is oil under pressure.